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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh Secretary Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington DC, 20210

Dear Secretary Walsh:

As Republican Leader of the Committee on Education and Labor, it is my duty to ensure transparency and accountability from senior government officials. Following 10 months without requested information, it is this duty that leads me again to request information about Department of Labor (DOL) Chief of Staff Daniel Koh.

Since October, I have written to you on three occasions requesting copies of Mr. Koh's official calendars.<sup>1</sup> At no time has DOL provided me with these calendars or posted them on DOL's website, as I have also requested. On July 19, I learned that Mr. Koh is leaving DOL to serve as White House Deputy Cabinet Secretary.<sup>2</sup> His move to a significant role in the White House makes my inquiries about his tenure as chief of staff at DOL even more important.

Your failure to provide the requested information about Mr. Koh's calendars is another example of your apparent lack of respect for Congress and its oversight responsibilities. You are apparently unwilling to provide Members of Congress with as much consideration as you would for anyone making a request under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y. of Lab. (Oct. 18, 2021), <a href="https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/10-18-2021">https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/10-18-2021</a> letter to sec walsh.pdf; letter from Reps. Virginia Foxx & James Comer to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y. of Lab. (Dec. 21, 2021), <a href="https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedFiles/12.21.2021">https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedFiles/12.21.2021</a> Letter to Sec. Walsh.pdf; Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y. of Lab. (Apr. 1, 2022), <a href="https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.01.22">https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.01.22</a> letter to walsh.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rebecca Rainey, *Top Staffer for Labor Chief Walsh Departs DOL for White House*, BLOOMBERG L., July 19, 2022, <a href="https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF9YNJDWLU69">https://www.bgov.com/next/news/RF9YNJDWLU69</a>.

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Please honor my previous requests by providing me with copies of Mr. Koh's calendars and posting them online before he takes his position at the White House, or at minimum by no later than August 4. In addition, I request DOL begin posting the official calendars of Ms. Allison Zelman on its website within two weeks of the beginning of her tenure as DOL chief of staff and no later than two weeks after the close of each month.

Sincerely,

Virginia Foxx

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